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COVER SHEET FOR AMENDMENT OF POST-TRAVEL SUBMISSION

Instructions: Use this form as a cover sheet for any paperwork you may need to submit to the Office of Public Records in order to make your Privately Sponsored Post-Travel Submission complete in accordance with Rule 35. Only complete this form if you need to submit an amendment to a post-travel filing you have already submitted.

SUBMIT DIRECTLY TO THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC RECORDS IN 232 HART BUILDING

Name of Traveler: Caryn B. Candisky

Employing Office/Committee: Office of U.S. Rob Portman

Travel Expenses Paid by (List all sources): Jewish Federation of Cleveland

Travel Date(s): 7/15/17-7/23/17

Form RE-1; Trip Invitation;

Description/Title of Attached Forms: _____

Form RE-2; Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form (PSTCF); Final Itinerary;

Purpose of Amendment (describe the reason for amending original submission): Form not completed properly;
additional required information not submitted with original submission.

3/8/19

(Date)

Caryn B. Candisky
(Signature of Traveler)

Date/Time Stamp:

EMPLOYEE PRE-TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION

Pre-Travel Filing Instructions: Complete and submit this form at least 30 days prior to the travel departure date to the Select Committee on Ethics in SII-220. Incomplete and late travel submissions will not be considered or approved. This form must be typed and is available as a fillable PDF on the Committee's website at ethics.senate.gov. Retain a copy of your entire pre-travel submission for your required post-travel disclosure.

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Name of Traveler: Caryn Candisky
Employing Office/Committee: Office of U.S. Senator Rob Portman
Private Sponsor(s) (list all): Jewish Federation of Cleveland
Travel date(s): July 15 - July 23, 2017
Note: If you plan to extend the trip for any reason you must notify the Committee.
Destination(s): Israel

Explain how this trip is specifically connected to the traveler's official or representational duties:

As District Director for Senator Portman, I directly and regularly interact with Ohio's Jewish Community, the Jewish Federation of Cleveland and their related organizations and agencies in order to identify cultural and policy opportunities to serve our constituents. This trip will help me fulfill my duties and responsibilities as District Director for Senator Portman through economic development and community development opportunities, discussions and actions on how to serve at-risk and disadvantaged populations as identified through dialogues and visits; as well as redefining expectations to create potential partnerships between Ohio and Israeli counterparts. This trip will also assist me in my outreach work to serve constituents of Ohio through the trips discussions and education on national security, homeland security, foreign relations, and trade.

Name of accompanying family member (if any): n/a
Relationship to Employee: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge:

6/28/17
(Date)

Caryn Candisky
(Signature of Employee)

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING SENATOR/OFFICER (President of the Senate, Secretary of the Senate, Sergeant at Arms, Secretary for the Majority, Secretary for the Minority, and Chaplain):

I, Office of U.S. Senator Rob Portman hereby authorize Caryn Candisky
(Print Senator's/Officer's Name) (Print Traveler's Name)

an employee under my direct supervision, to accept payment or reimbursement for necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses for travel to the event described above. I have determined that this travel is in connection with his or her duties as a Senate employee or an officeholder, and will not create the appearance that he or she is using public office for private gain.

I have also determined that the attendance of the employee's spouse or child is appropriate to assist in the representation of the Senate. (signify "yes" by checking box) ☐

6/28/17
(Date)

Rob Portman
(Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)



**Jewish Federation
OF CLEVELAND**

January 1, 2017

Caryn Candisky
Office of Senator Rob Portman
1240 East Ninth Street, Room 3061
Cleveland, OH 44199

Dear Caryn:

We are honored to invite you to join a mission to Israel for a select group of leaders from Cleveland's civic and philanthropic communities, sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Cleveland. We are personally inviting you to join us on the mission. Travel will begin on July 15, 2017 and we will arrive in Israel to begin the program on Sunday, July 16, 2017. The program will end Saturday night, July 22nd, with flights departing on Saturday night, July 22nd.

Through these missions the Federation introduces participants to the rich history, the modern achievements, and the complexities of Israel. The Federation has access to the finest guides, insider experiences and top Israeli leaders, and you can be assured of appropriate security throughout the trip. No solicitations will occur in connection with the trip, as its purpose is both educational and to further our community engagement efforts. Our week in Israel will include 2 nights in Tel Aviv, 1 night in northern Israel, and 3 nights in Jerusalem. All costs associated with your trip will be paid by the Jewish Federation of Cleveland.

Thank you in advance for considering this unique and important opportunity. We hope you will join us, and we look forward to talking to you soon. Please contact Jessica Cohen, Managing Director, Community Relations at Federation (jcohen@jcfccleveland.org or 216-593-2782) to let us know if you can join us on this exciting trip.

Sincerely,

Amy R. Kaplan
Assistant Vice President, External Affairs

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PRESIDENT

Employee Post-Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

Date/Time Stamp:

Post-Travel Filing Instructions: Complete this form within 30 days of returning from travel. Submit all forms to the **Office of Public Records in 232 Hart Building.**

In compliance with Rule 35.2(a) and (c), I make the following disclosures with respect to travel expenses that have been or will be reimbursed/paid for me. I also certify that I have attached:

- ☒ The original *Employee Pre-Travel Authorization* (Form RE-1), AND
☒ A copy of the *Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form* with all attachments (itinerary, invitee list, etc.)

Private Sponsor(s) (list all): The Jewish Federation of Cleveland

Travel date(s): July 16-July 22, 2017

Name of accompanying family member (if any): n/a

Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child

IF THE COST OF LODGING DID NOT INCREASE DUE TO THE ACCOMPANYING SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT CHILD, ONLY INCLUDE LODGING COSTS IN EMPLOYEE EXPENSES. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

Expenses for Employee:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimate <input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amount	Approx. \$1800-\$2100 airfare \$40 bus	Approx. \$780	Approx. \$650	Approx. \$500 Misc. Expenses

Expenses for Accompanying Spouse or Dependent Child (if applicable):

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
<input type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimate <input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amount				

Provide a description of all meetings and events attended. See Senate Rule 35.2(c)(6). (Attach additional pages if necessary.): See Attached Agenda

3/8/19
(Date)

CARLYN B. CANDISKY
(Printed name of traveler)

Carlyn B. Candisky
(Signature of traveler)

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER:

I have made a determination that the expenses set out above in connections with travel described in the *Employee Pre-Travel Authorization* form, are necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses as defined in Rule 35.

3/8/19
(Date)

Rob Hartman
(Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)

PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM

This form must be completed by any private entity offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to Senate Members, officers, or employees (Senate Rule 35, clause 2). Each sponsor of a fact-finding trip must sign the completed form. The trip sponsor(s) must provide a copy of the completed form to each invited Senate traveler, who will then forward it to the Ethics Committee with any other required materials. The trip sponsor(s) should NOT submit the form directly to the Ethics Committee. Please consult the accompanying instructions for more detailed definitions and other key information.

The Senate Member, officer, or employee **MUST** also provide a copy of this form, along with the appropriate travel authorization and reimbursement form, to the Office of Public Records (OPR), Room 232 of the Hart Building, within thirty (30) days after the travel is completed.

1. Sponsor(s) of the trip (please list all sponsors): Jewish Federation of Cleveland
2. Description of the trip: To expose Cleveland leadership to Israel's innovative approaches to economic and community development, education, and support of at-risk and disadvantaged populations.
3. Dates of travel: 7/15-7/23
4. Place of travel: Israel
5. Name and title of Senate invitees: Caryn Candisky
6. I *certify* that the trip fits one of the following categories:
 - ☐ (A) The sponsor(s) are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and do not retain or employ registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.
 - OR –
 - ☒ (B) The sponsor or sponsors are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, but retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and the trip meets the requirements of Senate Rule 35.2(a)(2)(A)(i) or (ii) (*see question 9*).
7. ☒ I *certify* that the trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.
 - AND –
 - ☒ I *certify* that the sponsor or sponsors will not accept funds or in-kind contributions earmarked directly or indirectly for the purpose of financing this specific trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal.
8. I *certify* that:
 - ☒ The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except for *de minimis* lobbyist involvement.
 - AND –
 - ☒ The traveler will not be accompanied on the trip by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except as provided for by Committee regulations relating to lobbyist accompaniment (*see question 9*).

9. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 6(B)**

I *certify* that if the sponsor or sponsors retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, one of the following scenarios applies:

☐ (A) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and one overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip.

– OR –

☐ (B) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and two overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip (*see questions 6 and 10*).

– OR –

☒ (C) The trip is being sponsored only by an organization or organizations designated under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.

10. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 9(B)**

If the trip includes two overnight stays, please explain why the second night is practically required for Senate invitees to participate in the travel:

11. ☒ An itinerary for the trip is attached to this form. I *certify* that the attached itinerary is a detailed (hour-by-hour), complete, and final itinerary for the trip.

12. Briefly describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip:

The Jewish Federation of Cleveland is organizing and staffing the trip and is the sole sponsor of the trip.

13. Briefly describe the stated mission of each sponsor and how the purpose of the trip relates to that mission:

Part of the Jewish Federation's mission is to support a strong and secure Israel. To that end, Federation periodically takes groups of civic, government and faith-based leaders to Israel for educational purposes and to experience Israel first-hand.

14. Briefly describe each sponsor's prior history of sponsoring congressional trips:

The Federation has not previously sponsored Congressional trips, although the Federation has partnered and participated on previous trips with members of Congress in attendance.

15. Briefly describe the educational activities performed by each sponsor (other than sponsoring congressional trips):

The Jewish Federation of Cleveland promotes the well-being of our community and increases

understanding of Jewish values and their application to improve people's lives.

16. Total Expenses for Each Participant:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith estimate	Approximately \$1,800-\$2,100 for airfare, \$40 pro rated cost total for bus for the week.	Approximately \$780 in lodging costs for the week.	Approximately \$650 in meal expenses for the week.	Approximately \$500 per person in other miscellaneous expenses. (This includes security, insurance, and tips to the guide, driver and
<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts				

17. State whether a) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation or b) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *specifically with regard* to congressional participation:

The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized without regard to congressional participation.

18. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip

The location was chosen because the purpose of the trip is build a deep understanding of Israeli society.

Participants will meet with Israelis who work in similar professions to facilitate relationship building.

19. Name and location of hotel or other lodging facility:

Dan Panorama (Jerusalem), Nir David Kibbutz (Beit Shean), Crown Plaza (Tel Aviv)

20. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility:

We selected these facilities based on a combination of group size, comfort, and budget.

21. Describe how the daily expenses for lodging, meals, and other expenses provided to trip participants compares to the maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel:

The daily expenses for lodging, meals, and other expenses provided to trip participants will be within the maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel.

22. Describe the type and class of transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or first class transportation will be provided. If first-class fare is being provided, please explain why first-class travel is necessary:

Transportation from the United States to Israel will be in coach. Within Israel, travel will be with group by bus.

23. ☒ I represent that the travel expenses that will be paid for or reimbursed to Senate invitees do not include expenditures for recreational activities, alcohol, or entertainment (other than entertainment provided to all attendees as an integral part of the event, as permissible under Senate Rule 35).

24. List any entertainment that will be provided to, paid for, or reimbursed to Senate invitees and explain why the entertainment is an integral part of the event:

The trip itinerary does not include any scheduled entertainment.

25. I hereby *certify* that the information contained herein is true, complete and correct. (You must include the completed signature block below for each travel sponsor.):

Signature of Travel Sponsor: Jessica Cohen

Name and Title: Jessica Cohen, Managing Director Community Relations

Name of Organization: Jewish Federation of Cleveland

Address: 25701 Science Park Drive, Cleveland, OH 44122

Telephone Number: 216-593-2782

Fax Number: _____

E-mail Address: jcohen@jfcleve.org



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**Jewish Federation of Cleveland
Thomas and Joann Adler Civic Leaders Israel Mission
July 16 – July 22, 2017**

MISSION PURPOSE

Forty of Cleveland's esteemed civic leaders have been invited to travel to Israel. The mission's purpose is to expose Cleveland leadership to Israel's innovative approaches to economic and community development, education, and support of at-risk and disadvantaged populations, and to create opportunities for partnership with each other and Israeli counterparts. Throughout their visit, participants will explore issues facing Israeli society and learn about the complexities of the region. They will also have the opportunity to meet with Israeli counterparts who work in similar professions to facilitate institutional and one-on-one relationship building.

The mission is part of Federation's Community Relations Committee (CRC), which works to build relationships across diverse communities and strengthen the ties of the Jewish community to the general community.

Sunday, July 16 – CONTEXT SETTING

Early Arrivals already in Israel

Participants arrive at Ben Gurion Airport on Flight 84 at 10:05 am AC or 10:15 am on United.

2:00-4:00 PM

Walking tour of Jaffa - Tel Aviv with guide

As one of the world's oldest ports, Jaffa is thought to have been the port from which Jonah left in the Biblical story of the Whale. The port continued to be important through history, and served as the main entry point to the land of Israel until the late 19th century when Jews from around the world began to return to Israel. Jaffa is a real melting pot with Jewish and Arab populations living and breathing the same closely-packed air. This is an opportunity for trip participants to understand the history of the Tel Aviv/Jaffa area and understand the challenges for Jewish and Arab Israelis living together.

6:30 PM – 9:00 PM

Opening Dinner

The opening dinner will be held at Liliyot restaurant, a former Dualis Restaurant (Like Edwins) which showcases the modern Israeli kosher kitchen at its best, using the highest quality ingredients: choice meat, fresh fish and vegetables, and fine olive oil. This is our time to, as a group, review the trip itinerary, outline the learning objectives for the week, get to know each other and our roles in Cleveland, and discuss issues relevant to modern day Israel. We will also share reflections on the walking tour of Tel Aviv and Jaffa.

Overnight/ Crown Plaza Tel Aviv

Monday, July 17 – PURSUING PEACE, INNOVATION AND INTEGRATION

Breakfast opens at 6:30 a.m.



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8:45 AM – 11:30AM

Stop by Rabin Square, Tour Rabin Center

Our group will have a short stop at Rabin Square, the site of Yitzhak Rabin's assassination in 1995. Here we will discuss the life of one of Israel's founding fathers, his commitment to peace, and the circumstances of his assassination.

The group will continue to the Yitzhak Rabin Center - the national institute established by the Knesset in 1997 that advances the legacy of the late Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. The Center's mission is to ensure that the vital lessons from Rabin's life and untimely death are actively remembered and used to shape an Israeli society and leadership dedicated to open dialogue, democratic values, Zionism, and social cohesion. The Center promotes activities and programs that inspire cultured, engaged and civil exchanges among the different sectors that make up the complex mosaic of Israeli society. This visit will help participants understand the founding and history of Israel, and how Israel is engaging in international dialogue and works continually towards peace with its neighbors.

11:30 AM – 1:00PM

Meet with a Start Up /High-tech company

Founded in 1948, the country of Israel is roughly 7.1 million, surrounded by enemies, in a constant state of war since its founding, with no natural resources and has produced more start-up companies than large, peaceful, and stable nations like Japan, China, India, Korea, Canada and the UK. This stop will help participants understand how Israeli companies have overcome barriers to become world leaders in the start-up arena.

1:00 PM – 2:30PM

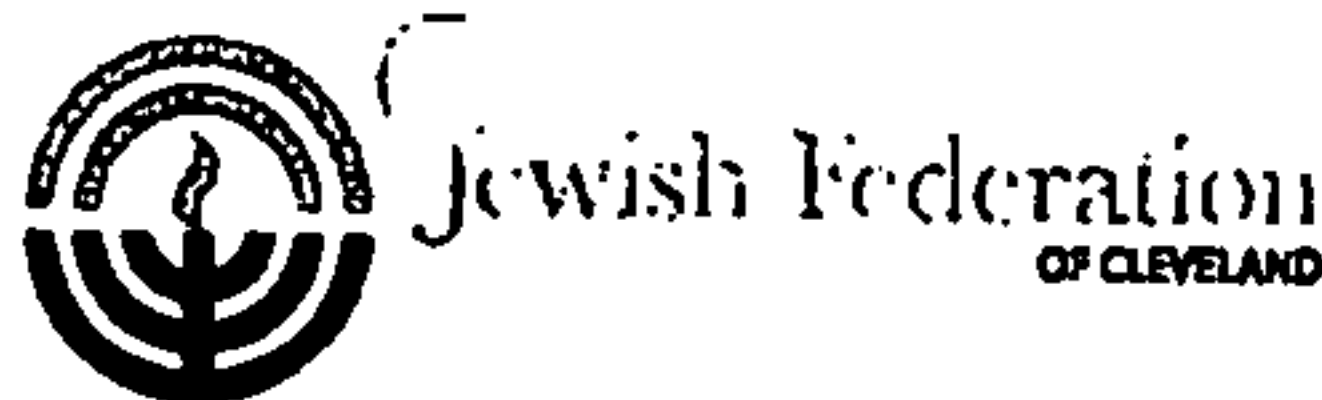
Lunch on own in the Sarona Market Area.

Sarona is a newly renovated complex in the heart of Tel Aviv. Originally a German Templar Colony, the site sits at the heart of what is a new central business district of the city, with offices and apartments surrounding the beautifully landscaped complex, in which 33 original Templar buildings dating up to more than 140 years have been painstakingly restored. This stop demonstrates an area of rapid economic development in Israel's modern city on the Mediterranean Sea.

2:30 PM

Depart Tel Aviv for Kiryat Gat

Kiryat Gat was founded in the 1950's in the Lachish region to serve as a regional center for the agricultural villages adjoining it. During the 1990's, the immigration of Soviet Jewry brought many new residents to the town and its population grew to 42,500 by 1995. The development of the Rabin industrial zone on the eastern edge of the city, and the opening of Highway 6 further improved the economy of the city. The city's current population is around 55,000 and is expected to grow to between 85-90,000 in the next 5 years.



4:50 PM – 6:30PM

Arrival to Kiryat Gat briefing and early dinner – PACT program (Parents and Children Together)

PACT (Parents and Children Together) provides literary enrichment, daycare subsidies, after-school activities, and health education for preschoolers and kindergartners, while also providing services and training that bridge cultural gaps for parents and community professionals. PACT ensures that the needs of the Ethiopian-Israeli child are at the center of this framework and coordinates all services accordingly.

4,000 Ethiopian-Israelis' lives are better because of PACT (Parents and Children Together), a literacy program supported by the Jewish Federation of Cleveland aimed at Ethiopian-Israeli children ages 6 months to 12 years. PACT closes the developmental and performance gap that separates the immigrant population from their peers. Since its inception, PACT has reduced the Kindergarten repetition rate among Ethiopian-Israeli children from 48% to 2%. This is important for trip participants to understand how Israel addresses rapid population growth and facilitates the absorption of immigrant populations.

5:00 PM – 6:30PM

Meeting with the Mayor of Kiryat Gat, Mr. Aviram Dahari at City Hall

Mr. Dahari, was elected in November 2003. Aviram spent his earliest years on Moshav Maishan near Ashkelon and then moved to Kiryat Gat. He has a B.Sc. in Mathematics and Computers from Ben Gurion University in Beersheva and he also holds a Masters of Science in Business Management. He has worked in cellular communications for Nortel and has founded three start-up companies. Participants will learn from Mayor Dahari how the Israeli non-profit sector intersects and partners with the municipality in the implementation of social service programs for residents.

Proceed by foot to Idit Community Center (3 minutes' walk)

6:30 – 8:30 PM

PACT Anniversary Celebration

This celebratory event celebrates 20 years of the PACT program in Israel. Participants will have the opportunity to meet with children, parents, and PACT professionals as well as see a presentation of the successes of the program. Participants will see the impact of the PACT program firsthand through the presentations of the participants.

Depart back to Tel Aviv

Overnight/ Crown Plaza Tel Aviv

Tuesday, July 18 - HISTORY COMPLEXITY OF ISRAELI SOCIETY

Breakfast opens at 6:30 am

7:45 AM - Check out of hotel and depart hotel



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9:00 AM – 11:00AM

Briefing on the Arab-Israeli Sector and Preschool Tour with Dalia Fadila, Director, Al Qasemi College of Science and Technology - Tira, Israel

Dalia Fadila, a prominent Israeli Arab college administrator and founder of the Q-schools program for teaching English to Arab youth and adults, sees education as a “tool of empowerment” and as a way for Israeli Arabs to cease seeing themselves as victims. Fadila is provost and former acting president of Al-Qasemi Academy, an Arab college of education in Israel, and is a highly regarded expert on organizational development. She also is a researcher on American and women’s literature and ethnic studies.

11:30AM-1:45PM

Visit and lunch with soldiers at Havat Hashomer

In Israel, 1,500+ men and women are identified annually by the IDF as “at-risk youth.” Havat Hashomer is an army base designed to help disadvantaged youth who are considered at-risk. Federation-supported programs at Havat Hashomer promote success in the army, which in turn contributes to success in civilian life.

1:45PM

Drive to Tiberias

3:00 PM – 5:00PM

Tour Capernaum, The Mount of the Beatitudes, and the Sea of Galilee

The village Capernaum is on the northern side of Sea of Galilee, and was the center of the activities of Jesus and his town during that time. We will visit the excavated 4th century Synagogue.

Mount of the Beatitudes is believed to be the setting for Jesus’ most famous discourse, the Sermon on the Mount, and is one of the most beautifully serene places in the Holy Land. Overlooking the northwestern shore of the Sea of Galilee, it offers an enchanting vista of the northern part of the lake and across to the cliffs of the Golan Heights on the other side.

The Kineret (Sea of Galilee), is Israel’s largest fresh water reservoir, and is also the country’s largest and most important source of drinking water. It has also played an important role in the early years of Christianity - according to Christian tradition, Jesus lived, preached and performed miracles in the Kineret and the surrounding region. This part of the itinerary will provide participants with an understanding of the Christian religious history of the country and the region and its effects on modern-day Israel today.

5:00 PM Drive to Beit Shean

5:45-6:00PM

Welcome to Cleveland’s Partnership City! Brief Stop at Prof. Art Naperstak Memorial

Stop at the Art Naperstak Memorial and begin to learn about the challenges of the region, the role of the partnership, and the impact on the community



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Drive to Kibbutz Nir David

6:30-7:00PM

Arrival at Kibbutz Nir David.

Participants will check-in and have the opportunity to tour Kibbutz Nir David and understand the importance of the river. Participants will learn about the early settlers in the region and the strategic importance of the kibbutz.

7:00PM – 7:30PM –

Free time and swim available

7:30PM

Drive to Moshav Yardena - Yardena was founded in 1952 by immigrants to Israel from Iraqi Kurdistan. It is named "Yardena" (Jordan in Hebrew) because it is on the Jordan River. A school in the moshav been converted into the Center for Kurdistan Cultural Heritage.

7:45-10:00PM

Festive Dinner at the Kurdish Village:

Learn about the Jewish community in Kurdistan and immigration to Israel from Arab countries. Hear personal stories about the challenges of immigration, and understand "Bridge to the Future's" role in encouraging Kurdish Jews to take pride in their heritage and establish a cultural center. Over dinner, meet with Israeli counterparts. This is important for trip participants to understand how Israel addresses rapid population growth and facilitates the absorption and integration of immigrant populations. This is critical to the ongoing stability of the country and the region. Enjoy music, dancing, delicious food and drinks.

Return to Nir David

Overnight/ Nir David

Wednesday, July 19 – THIS IS ISRAEL'S PERIPHERY
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7:30AM

Check out of room and bring luggage to bus

7:30-8:00AM

Breakfast at Kibbutz Nir David

8:00-8:15AM

Overview - This is Israel's periphery: overview of Beit Shean-Valley of Springs and the relationship with the region

This is a context setting session about the challenges of living in the periphery. Participants will hear from a panel of professionals working on key projects and initiatives in the region.



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8:15-8:45AM

Panel presentation to share overview of the three available tracks for the morning sessions. All three tracks include visits to local institutions and opportunities to engage in meaningful dialogues that explore current challenges and creative solutions to meet real needs.

9:00AM – 12:00PM

Israel's Periphery – Three Tracks

Tracks are:

1. **Israeli Education and At-Risk Youth** – Participants will receive an overview of the Israeli education system, its challenges, successes, and future. Participants will then visit Eden Farm where agricultural programs are being used as a means to engage at-risk youth towards betterment of themselves and to advance in Israeli society. Lastly, participants will hear from the professional leadership of Youth Futures, a mentoring program for at-risk youth that has mentors inside the schools, collaborating with the family, the school, and the municipality to improve the lives of the mentees.
2. **Community Building** – Participants will tour the local library which has become a central gathering place for neighborhood and community building efforts. Participants will also learn about how the municipality and the non-profit sector intersect and interact. Then participants will visit the Beit Shean Museum, a locally developed and sourced museum that is a showcase of the city's diversity, history, and commitment to developing all residents' pride in their community. Lastly, participants will visit the Neighborhood Project, a grassroots effort to transform a vacant lot as one small part of the city's overall economic development efforts.
3. **Economic Growth** – Participants will learn about the challenges cities in the periphery face in attracting residents and bolstering its local economic development. Leadership from the municipalities in Beit Shean and the Valley of the Springs will share how both cities are working to attract young professionals and augment the cities' demographics. Participants will tour Shlafim, a new kibbutz formed through the merging of a religious Jewish kibbutz and a secular Jewish kibbutz. Experiencing this innovative approach to housing and living that has secular and Orthodox families living together will help participants understand the demographic and intra-religious challenges the Israeli population faces. Lastly, participants will visit the new train station to learn how access to Haifa and other cities is creating opportunities for the region to attract jobs, companies, new residents, and tourism.

12:00-1:00PM

Lunch at Idan technology (prepared by the chefs from the region) joined by Israeli counterparts

1:00-1:45PM

Reporting on all three tracks

Representatives to share (1) What we learned, and (2) what we'll bring home to our community. Also, Ido Shalem from Bridge to the Future and Michael Fleming of the St. Clair Superior Community Development Corporation will brief participants on the partnership efforts already happening between Beit Shean and the St. Clair Superior Community Development Corporation. Participants will learn from each other's experiences on the three different tracks and consider future opportunities for partnership and collaboration in Cleveland.



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1:45-2:45PM

Tour of Idan Technology Center & Discussions

Idan technology center was designed to encourage creative learning for elementary students - - including robotics, 3D printing, and more. Learn about Valley of Spring's joint regional council, which was created as a center of technological development, innovation, education, and socio-economic development. Discuss Federation's new initiative to enhance and support STEM education in Beit Shean and Valley of Springs.

Drive to Jerusalem

5:00 PM – 6:30PM

Briefing with the Deputy Mayor of Jerusalem Ofer Berkovitch

Berkovitch is the co-founder and chairman of the Wake-Up Jerusalem (Hitorerut) movement. He holds the economic development & employment portfolio, the culture & arts portfolio, and the city center portfolio. Born and raised in Jerusalem, Ofer is a graduate of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem honors program where he completed his Bachelor's degree in Philosophy, Economy and Political Science. Participants will learn about the complexities of this internationally unique municipality, the challenges of governing the cradle of three of the world's religions, and the effect of geopolitics on local governance.

6:30PM – 9:30PM

Dinner on own and exploration of Mamilla

The Mamilla neighborhood was built in the 19th century outside the walls of the Old City, adjacent to the Jaffa Gate, and serves as an important natural bridge connecting the Old City and the new city.

After the unification of Jerusalem in 1967, Mayor Teddy Kollek decided to turn the neighborhood, which had been a symbol of a divided Jerusalem, into the main bridge to a shared life among Jews and Arabs in Jerusalem. In 1996, a private development corporation took over 100% of the hotel and the commercial district. Self-guided tour will provide an opportunity to experience an area that stands as a bridge between the past and the future, and between the different religions (Judaism, Christianity, and Islam). The hope is to create an opportunity for peace & economic prosperity.

Overnight/ Dan Panorama Hotel

Thursday, July 20 - JERUSALEM AND ITS COMPLEXITIES

Breakfast Opens at 6:30 AM

7:30 AM – 9:00AM

Walk on the Via Dolorosa, in the Old City, site of pilgrimages since Byzantine times, and arrive at the Holy Sepulchre, the massive and labyrinthine building housing the last five Stations of the Cross.

The site of the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem is identified as the place both of the crucifixion and the tomb of Jesus of Nazareth. The church has long been a major pilgrimage center for Christians all around the world. The Stations of the Cross are the landmarks in the route that Christ took to the ultimate destination towards his crucifixion. This is important to better understand the complex religious fabric of Israeli society and the role different religions play in the modern-day existence of Israel.



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9:00 AM – 12:00PM

Tour The Jewish Quarter of Jerusalem's Old City

The Jewish Quarter is one of the four quarters of this ancient walled city. The Jewish Quarter of Jerusalem is a fascinating place to explore with museums, synagogues, and of course, the Western Wall its main attractions. The Jewish Quarter in the Old City draws millions of visitors from all around the globe each year. People of every religion and ethnicity come to learn about this small Jewish neighborhood that has stood firm for over 2000 years - - and its significance to Jews around the world. This is important to better understand the complex religious fabric of Israeli society and the role different religions play in the modern-day existence of Israel.

12:00 PM – 1:15PM

Lunch On Own – Old City

1:15 – 2:30 PM

Session with Jerusalem Foundation: Coexistence and Tensions in Jerusalem – Different Perspectives
(Orthodox Jewish Israelis, Arab Israelis and Palestinians and Secular Jewish Israelis)

Jerusalem is a complicated city that needs to care for its diverse residents. Participants will learn from experts who share their unique perspectives on current challenges and opportunities, including infrastructure, services, education, and more.

2:30 -3:30 PM

Shadi Abu Jaber - Palestinian Director of the Youth Futures program in East Jerusalem

Meet Shadi Abu Jaber, the Palestinian Director of the Youth Futures program in East Jerusalem, and one of his mentors who works with Arab-Israeli students. Youth Futures provides community-based mentoring for at-risk youth to improve school performance, strengthen social integration and inspire community engagement.

3:30 – 6:30 PM – Free time

6:30PM

Meet in Hotel Lobby for the Western Wall Tunnel Tours

7:00PM -9:00PM Western Wall Tunnel Tours –

For a different perspective on the history of Jerusalem, head underneath the Old City's chaotic maze of buildings to the Western Wall Tunnel. The extension of the retaining wall built 2,000 years ago by Herod the Great to support the massive compound where the Temple stood, the recently excavated tunnel – whose outlet into the Muslim Quarter has been a source of controversy – is one of the city's most phenomenal sites. The Western Wall Tunnel in Jerusalem offers a behind-the-scenes-exploration of one of the most significant holy sites in Judaism—the Western (or Wailing) Wall. An underground continuation of the popular prayer site, the Western Wall Tunnel provides worshipers and visitors a unique perspective of the ancient, limestone wall, exposing its full length and portions that were buried until the 19th century. This is important so participants understand the importance of this area to various religious groups and why control of this area is subject to international and intra-national tensions and struggles.



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Proceed to late dinner

9:00 PM – 11:00PM

Machane Yehuda Market Dinner

The Machane Yehuda market, also called the shuk, is one of the most familiar icons in Israel. The market dates back to the Ottoman period. From an empty lot at the end of the 19th century, it was developed by local peasants who brought produce to sell in this central location. Today, the market is a place to find items ranging from clothes, housewares, produce and art to a great venue for Jerusalem's night life, with restaurants, bars and intimate music clubs. It is important for the participants to see the economic growth and heart of the area.

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Friday, July 21 - THE HOLOCAUST TO CO-EXISTENCE
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Breakfast opens at 6:30 AM

8:30-9:30AM

Morning briefing with MK Nachman Shai

Shai holds a BA in General History and Political Science and a MA cum laude in Communications from The Hebrew University, as well as a Ph.D. in Communication and Political Science from Bar-Ilan

University. The topic of his doctorate was "Public Diplomacy and Low-Intensity Violence, Israel 2000-2005". He was also Research Fellow at Harvard University's School of Government, and completed with honors advanced business management studies at The Hebrew University. Shai also studied communication at the World Press Institute in Minnesota.

10:15AM – 1:00PM

Tour Yad Vashem with guide (starting at the Valley of the Destroyed Communities)

Yad Vashem is Israel's main Holocaust remembrance and education center. Israel's Holocaust commemoration project began in 1953 with the task of perpetuating the memory of Holocaust victims and documenting the history of the Jewish people during the Holocaust so that it will be remembered by future generations. This project was an important step for the young nation of Israel at the time and was significant for the citizens of Israel, particularly for the survivors of the ghettos and concentration camps. The new Yad Vashem museum was opened to the public in 2005. Understanding the Holocaust is central to understanding Israel and the history and experience of the Jewish people.

1:15PM

Grab Falafel Lunch outside Yad Vashem

2:00-4:00PM

Seam Line Tour with Guide

Also known as the security fence, tour the seam line that separates Israel from the West Bank. Participants will learn about Israel's real security challenges, the history of combatting terror, and the



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proximity within which Israelis and Palestinians live to each other. Participants will also learn the challenges Palestinians face living in the West Bank and the local, national, and international conversation about ultimately having two peoples live in two countries in peace and security.

Return to Hotel and prepare for Shabbat

6:00PM-9:30PM

Shabbat Experience at the Dan Panorama Overlook with a Cantorial or Rabbinic Student and Shabbat Dinner in Private Room at Hotel

The Sabbath (in Hebrew, Shabbat) is a weekly 25-hour observance from just before sundown each Friday through the completion of nightfall on Saturday. Shabbat is portrayed in the Bible as the pinnacle of the creation of the universe, and its observance can be seen as a reminder of the purposefulness of the world and the role of human beings in it. Shabbat also serves as a memorial to God's act of rescuing the Israelites from slavery in Egypt by setting aside a day for personal autonomy and freedom from the harsh demands of labor. The traditional Shabbat is portrayed in Jewish liturgy, song, and story as a day of joy, a sanctuary from travails, and even a foretaste of the perfected world that will someday be attained. This part of the itinerary helps participants understand the centrality of Shabbat to the Jewish experience and some of the rituals and beliefs of the Jewish people and tradition.

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Saturday, July 22 - ANCIENT TO MODERN

Optional programming for those who do not observe Shabbat:

7:30AM -4:00PM

Early Departure for Masada, Lunch and Dead Sea Experience Crown Plaza Hotel

Masada (Hebrew for fortress), is situated atop an isolated rock cliff at the western end of the Judean Desert, overlooking the Dead Sea. According to Josephus Flavius, Herod the Great built the fortress of Masada between 37 and 31 BCE. Some 75 years after Herod's death, at the beginning of the Revolt of the Jews against the Romans in 66 CE, a group of Jewish rebels overcame the Roman garrison of Masada. After the fall of Jerusalem and the destruction of the Temple (70 CE) they were joined by zealots and their families who had fled from Jerusalem. With Masada as their base, they raided and harassed the Romans for two years. Then, in 73 CE, the Roman governor Flavius Silva marched against Masada with the Tenth Legion, auxiliary units and thousands of Jewish prisoners-of-war. The Romans established camps at the base of Masada, laid siege to it and built a circumvallation wall. They then constructed a rampart of thousands of tons of stones and beaten earth against the western approaches of the fortress and in the spring of the year 74 CE moved a battering ram up the ramp and breached the wall of the fortress. The defenders - - almost one thousand men, women and children led by Eleazar ben Yair - - decided to burn the fortress and end their own lives rather than be taken alive by the Romans. To Israelis, Masada symbolizes the determination of the Jewish people to be free in its own land.

The Dead Sea is a landlocked salt lake located between Israel and Jordan. The eastern shore belongs to Jordan, and the southern half of the western shore belongs to Israel. The Dead Sea is also known as the Salt Sea and is about 1,300 feet below sea level. This is important for participants because it provides insight and information on the topography and natural resources of Israel, while also demonstrating the strategic considerations of borders and security for Israeli communities.



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5:00PM – 8:00PM

Reflection Session and debrief over a light dinner at hotel

8:00PM

Depart for airport for those leaving to United States